

USEITI Candidacy Application Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for March 13, 2014, 2:00pm-3:00pm

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Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. RFI Update
3. Walk through TOR comments
4. Questions or comments
5. Next Steps
6. Next Meeting: March 27, 2014 2-3pm

RFI Update:

The subcommittee reviewed the summary roll-up of the three sets of responses from the RFI. There were no substantive questions, concerns expressed, or further comment. The Subcommittee will consider the RFI summary to further address and clarify the qualification requirements of the IA in the TOR.

Walk through TOR Comments:

Prior to the Subcommittee meeting, Secretariat staff provided the “red line-strikeout” and “clean” versions of the TOR reflecting the comments to date. The outline of the contextual narrative was excerpted from the TOR to place in an Annex and to facilitate further discussion, creating a shorter document.

Proceeded with section by section, paragraph by paragraph review of draft TOR. The Subcommittee restored the benefits of the U.S. implementing EITI in the background section; clarified the reference to years in the Objective, noting the remaining unresolved issue of reporting calendar year vs. fiscal year. There was discussion and clarification of the overview of the EITI reporting process, the numbers of reports, their linkages and deliverables and associated schedules. Subcommittee comments reinforced the language for the IA to provide non-proprietary data that is accessible to the public, machine readable, searchable and ultimately the data/information is the property of the U.S. government.

The Subcommittee reaffirmed the Phase four – IA investigation of discrepancies and draft report: address the unilateral government disclosure, the expectation of publicly-sourced data of major producing States and data reconciliation and that the gap analysis of sub-national data address already publicly-sourced data and not conflict with, rather support the U.S. adaptive implementation of sub-national reporting.

Additionally, the Subcommittee talked about the process for commenting on and approving the IA’s reports. If the MSG does not approve the IA’s report, then the report does not get published. Subcommittee would like a value added public feedback mechanism for consideration in future USEITI reports. The Subcommittee discussed and needed additional information on the Annex 2

GSA vs. Open schedule approaches to government contracting and the mechanics of awarding a contract with option years to exercise.

Next Steps/Action Items

- Secretariat staff to incorporate Subcommittee comments and revisions into TOR and distribute.
- Secretariat staff to provide GSA Schedule 520 Category 7 "Financial and Business Solutions" contractor listing.
- Consolidated sector comments to Kim Oliver and Greg Conrad due 3/21/14.
- Workgroup incorporate consolidated sector comments into revised IA TOR (3/24 – 3/26)
- 3/27/14 - Subcommittee meeting and final review of IA TOR for fatal flaws.
- 4/3/14 - Subcommittee final draft of the IA TOR and recommendation to approve the final draft for MSG review and approval.

Next Subcommittee Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2014

Subcommittee Members in Attendance

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight
Paul Bugala, Calvert Investments
Curtis Carlson, Treasury Department
Greg Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission
Marti Flacks, State Department
Gregory Gould, Interior Department
John Harrington, Exxon Mobil Corporation
Veronica Kohler, National Mining Association
Walt Retzsch, American Petroleum Institute

Invitees

Ryan Ellis, Interstate Mining Compact Commission
Emily Kennedy, API
Paul Mussenden, Interior Department
Bob Reynolds, BP America
Laurie Sherman, Transparency International - USA
John Swedin, Interior Department
Lance Wenger, Interior Department
Judy Wilson, Interior Department

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Kim Oliver, Interior Department, USEITI Secretariat
Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight